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Union Minister
Shivraj Singh Chouhan in city

Union Agriculture Minister inaugurates 110th birth anniversary of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan lighting the lamp to inaugurate the decennial birth centenary celebrations of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city this morning as Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (BLU& BS)- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 110th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at the premises of Suttur Mutt here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chouhan said, "Agriculture is the leader of Indian economy while the farmers are its soul. I believe that serving farmers is akin to serving God. I am shouldering the responsibility entrusted by the Prime Minister and exploring ways to ensure the prosperity of farmers, with the cultivation of better crop to yield better profit margin."

"India is a religious country while Mysuru spreads the message of service and education. To ensure everyone is healthy, food is also served, highlighting the message 'People's Service is God's Service' with the celebration of Jagadguru's Jayanti. One should lead a life, true to the concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.' With the Mutts involved in social and religious services, welfare of world should be a reality and development should happen like 'Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavanto'," he added.

Earlier, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar released the special issue of *Prasada* magazine published by JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

In his address, Yaduveer recalled the everlasting association between the erstwhile royal family and Suttur Mutt.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Siddalinga Swamiji graced the event.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, T.S. Srivatsa, A.R. Krishnamurthy, Anil Chikkamadu, H.M. Ganesh Prasad and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, MLC K. Vivekananda, former MLAs C.S. Niranjan Kumar and S. Balaraj, Chairman of Command Area Development Authority (CADA) P. Mariswamy and others were present on the occasion.

Yuva Dasara-2025

District Administration yet to finalise artistes & venue

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&VNS)- With less than a month left (24 days) for this year's Dasara (Sept. 22 - Oct. 2), the District Administration is yet to decide on artistes for Yuva Dasara.

However, sources told *Star of Mysore* that District Administration, in an effort to attract a large crowd for Yuva Dasara, is said to be keen on inviting Bollywood singers Sunidhi Chauhan and Arijit Singh and composer Anirudh from Chennai.

Meanwhile, the venue for this year's Yuva Dasara is not yet finalised. The District Authorities this morning inspected the 100-acre ground near Uttanahalli on city outskirts where the event was staged last year and received huge response.

(See VENUE on page 6)

President's 2-day visit to city

DC leads inspection team
to review arrangements as per SOP

DC Lakshmikanth Reddy and City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar inspecting arrangements at AIISH.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (MTY&BS)- In view of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the city on Sept.1 and 2, the Mysuru District Administration is leaving no stone unturned in making adequate arrangements for the hassle-free visit of the First Citizen of the country.

A team of officials led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy inspected the itinerary of the President and the arrangements made in compliance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

(See DC LEADS on page 6)

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Mysuru, Friday 29th August 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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PAPA, SHOULD WE TRANSFER SOME ADVANTAGE TO THAT FELLOW JUST TO INCREASE OUR POLITICAL MILEAGE?
SATISH ACHARYA

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LIBRARY NOTES: ***The demands of scholarship are such that these may deter ordinary folk. For one, even while undertaking the most serious research in the library, the scholar must fulfill his or her social obligations. Most libraries allow scholars to bring their phones inside and use these with discretion. At times hectic texting by the scholar may give the impression that he is not serious about his work, but the grim expression on his face should dispel such a notion.***

The day is long. In the throes of work, a scholar may wear many hats. If you lift your eyes and view the laptop screens in the neighbourhood, you may even see a shopping website or a movie playing. It is necessary for the scholar to rest his mind after grappling with a difficult academic challenge. Occasionally, a web page with a stock market trading account seems to pop up, but it is probably a mathematician working on an algorithm, or beta-testing a data exchange tool.

Today's libraries are well-equipped and comfortable. Unbearable summer and dreary winter days inspire intense scholarly engagement. On such days, finding a seat in coveted public libraries is extra difficult. Some scholars reserve desks by leaving laptops and books on them. It is a coincidence that the couple you saw strolling near the trees, or sipping coffee outside, returns to claim these desks.

One may try to move to the upper floor, but the few desks there are taken over by old-timers who arrive first and leave at the end of the day.

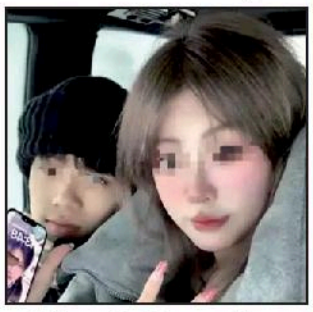
Such scholars go through the demanding post-lunch hours with practiced ease. One may find someone drooping in front, their eyes closing. But then a finger that moves on the keyboard, and a head that nods just when you thought he was napping, are evidence enough that academic rigour was not abandoned on a soporific afternoon after a sumptuous lunch in the nearby canteen.

The scene outside is one that can lift a sagging spirit. It is like a lounge where people talk and exchange greetings, like a ship's deck minus food and drinks. After a day of study, when the scholar stops here briefly, the eruption of greetings by other scholars makes him forget disappointments such as the congested academic space and limited funding. He says his goodbyes and returns home to a restful evening.

— Anupam Srivastava in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Teenage girl sells boyfriend into slavery!



Beijing: A 19-year-old man barely survived four months of his life after being seduced and then sold into slavery by his 17-year-old girlfriend.

It was recently reported the shocking case of a young man from Zhanjiang, in China's Guangdong province, who endured four months of captivity and torture in Myanmar, after being lured into a trap by his teenage girlfriend. The victim's sister claimed her brother met the girl in revealing outfits and was instantly drawn to her. She took the man to Thailand for work opportunities despite family's opposition.

While approaching Thailand-Myanmar border, armed men approached, took his documents before taking him to a secret compound. His head was shaved and was forced to carrying out scams. The teen's family managed to raise 350,000 yuan ($49,000) ransom and secured his release.

Hairless dog with tattoo sparks row

Shangai: Visitors at a pet show were shocked by the full-back tattoo of a Mexican hairless dog whose owner claimed it didn't feel any pain.

Photos of a hairless dog with a full-back tattoo recently went viral on social media, sparking outrage among animal lovers. The pics were taken at the Asian Pet Show held at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre earlier this month. According to sources, the dog's owner showed off the artwork on its back, confirming that it was a real tattoo for which his pet didn't need anaesthesia. The incident angered animal lovers, who demanded an apology from the owner and asked the organisers of the pet show to give an explanation.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Not all swellings are simple.

Unusual swelling in hands, face, or feet may indicate an underlying autoimmune disease.

By Dr. Sangeetha K N - Consultant - Rheumatology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

MGP meeting on Aug.30

To discuss Food Safety and Adulteration

Mysuru, Aug. 29- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has convened a special meeting on Saturday (Aug. 30) at 4 pm at its premises located at No.6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, to mainly discuss Food Safety and Adulteration.

Dr. S. L. Ravindra, Designated Officer from FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) will interact with the attendees on what are the frequent ways the food items we buy are adulterated and how the FSSAI has been acting to prevent such practices by inspecting hotels, restaurants and other food shops by taking and analysing samples. He will also talk about how the public can help them in detecting the wrong-doers.

Dr. K.G. Srinivas, Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of Medical Oncology, Bharath Cancer Hospital, Mysuru will interact to inform how the use of pesticides can cause cancer, if safety precautions are not taken.

Ravichandra Bekal, Management Consultant who has worked in FMCG industry earlier, will participate and throw light on industry perspective on Food Safety and Compliances.

This meeting has special significance in the background of thousands of tourists visiting Mysuru for the world famous Dasara.

The participants can send their queries, if any, via e-mail to: *mygrapa@gmail.com* before the meeting. For details contact Ph: 0821-2515150.

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Yesterday's level **124.04 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.38 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.10 feet**
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Today's Outflow **6,569 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **7,442 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **6,041cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *If you live up to be 84 years old, you've spent roughly 28 years sleeping.*
- *The word "muscle" comes from Latin term meaning "little mouse", which is what Ancient Romans thought flexed bicep muscles resembled.*
- *Human teeth are just as strong as shark teeth.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Tell me, what tense is "I am beautiful"?*
Student: *Past tense!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Are roads a glimpse into the future of MSMEs?

A ground report from L&T to Koorgalli Lake

Pathetic condition of Koorgalli Lake stretch.

Sir,

The Road from L&T to Koorgalli Lake, a key industrial stretch in Mysuru, is now barely recognisable as a road. What should be a smooth corridor for MSMEs and heavy industry is now a wrecked maze of potholes, loose gravel and incomplete civic works.

The L&T to BEML stretch is one of the worst-hit sections — there's virtually no proper road left. Massive potholes, uneven surfaces and erosion have made it dangerous for every commuter. Each vehicle is forced to weave its way through the broken terrain, trying to find just enough solid ground to pass — like navigating a maze with no exit. Elderly residents and two-wheeler riders are especially at risk, with frequent slips and near-accidents becoming routine.

Further ahead, the Koorgalli Lake stretch tells a similar story, worsened by incomplete road construction and unscientifically laid sewage patches. These patches have been left open or half-covered, causing water stagnation, narrowing the roads, and adding yet another obstacle to an already difficult commute.

New potholes are appearing every day, and instead of fixing it, the department is installing plants as an indication for the commuters.

When questioned, one department official astonishingly remarked, "We have enough funds only to pour sand on the potholes." And that's exactly what has been done.

A few potholes were 'fixed' by dumping sand — a temporary patch that vanishes within hours, leaving behind an even messier and more dangerous surface.

The cost of this neglect isn't just in accidents or delays. The repeated damage to vehicles has become a financial burden for local residents, transporters, and industrial workers alike.

For an area home to MSMEs and heavy industry, this level of neglect is unacceptable. If this is how we treat industrial infrastructure, it raises a bigger concern: Is this a sign of what's in store for the future of our MSMEs and residents? Sadly, it appears so.

— A helpless daily commuter
Mysuru
6.8.2025

TiE Mysuru to host Masterclass 'Never Too Small to Brand'

Laeeq Ali

Mysuru, Aug. 29- As part of its monthly events, TiE Mysuru is hosting a Masterclass — 'Never Too Small to Brand' by Laeeq Ali, Co-Founder & Director of Bloombox Brand Engineers, Origami Creative, and Cultinno — for the benefits of entrepreneurs and startups community at Godavari Hall, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, on Aug. 30 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

In this insightful session, Ali will share proven strategies to build and strengthen the brand, irrespective of business size. Participants will gain valuable insights into purpose-centric branding, positioning strategies and the importance of regular brand health checks.

This Masterclass will help startups, entrepreneurs and business leaders rethink their approach to brand creation and positioning, enabling them to stand out in a competitive market and build long-term brand value. For registration, log on to: ***https://events.tie.org/August2025#/***

For details, contact TiE Mysuru Executive Director Mahesh Kattale on Mob: 94481-54063.

Swadesha, Swadharma, Swasamskruti must guide our youths: Dr. Anita Prasad

Transgender activist inaugurates Ganeshotsava at Madhava Krupa

Mysuru, Aug. 29- "Today's younger generation is increasingly drawn towards western culture and lifestyle, which is a matter of concern," said noted entrepreneur and transgender activist Dr. Anita Prasad.

She was speaking after inaugurating Sri Madhava Krupa Ganeshotsava celebrations by lighting a giant agarbathi at Lakshmipuram on Wednesday.

Emphasising that youths must follow Swadesha (nation), Swadharma (faith) and Swasamskruti (culture), Dr. Prasad said, "The value of our life must be 'Nation First'. Swadesha, Swadharma and Swasamskruti are always supreme. They will survive only if our younger generation follows them. In this context, celebrating Ganeshotsava becomes very significant."

She further added, "Serving the nation and protecting religion is our duty. This must become a part of our lives."

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that Ganeshotsava is not merely a festival but an important occasion for strengthening social organisation."

Entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr. Jagannath Shenoy said that Ganeshotsava is an inseparable part of India's culture.

Dr. Lakshminarasimhan, noted Physician and President of Madhava Krupa Ganeshotsava Committee, RSS Sampark Pramukh Darshan Raj, Rakesh, R. Vasudev Bhat and several others were present.

Dasara Food Mela: Calling vendors to book stalls

Mysuru, Aug. 29- As part of Dasara, the Dasara Ahara Mela Sub-Committee has invited applications from interested food vendors for setting up stalls at the Dasara Food Mela to take place at Maharaja's College Grounds or Scouts and Guides Grounds from Sept. 22 to Oct.2.

Food vendors, hotels and restaurants, individual food caterers and organisations, who sell variety of local and non-local dishes (both vegetarian and non-vegetarian), can apply.

The prescribed application forms are available at Hootagalli CMC Office, opposite SRS, Hi-Tension Double Road, Hootagalli, Hunsur Road. The last date for applying is Sept. 9.

For details, contact Mob: 98444-64011 or 99643-28792.

Artworks invited

The Dasara Fine Arts and Crafts Sub-Committee has invited a variety of artworks from artists to be displayed during the 5-day State-level Dasara Arts expo to take place at CAVA (Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts) premises in Siddarthanagar from Sept.26 to 30.

Professional and amateur art works in forms such as painting, sculpture, graphic arts, photography, applied arts etc., are invited. The vest three artworks in each section will be awarded prizes. The interested artists can download the prescribed entry form from the website *https://cavamysore.karantaka.gov.in* or *https://mysore.nic.in.* The entries can be submitted at CAVA office during office hours till Sept.12. For more details, contact Mob: 98445-95568 or 97412-20222 or 90361-62453, according to a press release.

Jayanti celebrations: Preliminary meetings

Mysuru, Aug. 29- As part of Brahmashri Narayanaguru Jayanti on Sept. 7 and Vishwakarma Jayanti celebrations on Sept. 17, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju will chair the preparatory meetings at DC Office premises at 11 am and 11.30 am respectively tomorrow (Aug. 30).

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of **Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Revenue Department Employees Credit Co-operative Society** will take place at Mysuru District Revenue Department Employees Association Office, Kandaya Bhavan, near the Old DC Office along Hunsur Road, at 11 am on Aug. 31.

Sri Gurumalleshwara Graduates Credit Co-operative Society will hold its AGM at Nataraja Kalyana Mantapa, Khille Mohalla, at 11 am on Aug. 31. For more details, contact Ph: 0821- 2445515.

The AGM of All India Anglo-Indian Association, Mysore Branch, will be held at St. Teresa Church Hall in Rajivnagar on Aug. 31 at 10.30 am. The meeting will be chaired by Karnataka Governing Body Member Lawrence Jenkins. For details, contact Association Secretary G.A. Edwards on Mob: 99804-01815.

Coaching class for SLET exam

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, Gen. K.S. Thimmaya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in the city, will be organising a 2-month online and offline coaching classes for SLET exam at the Foundation premises. Classes will start from Sept. 1 and candidates are required to register before Aug. 31. There is separate hostel for boys and girls. For details, contact Mob: 82960-31570 or 98451-55757.

Story-telling

Soudamini Hegde

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni - 895,' Kalasuruchi has organised a story-telling session by Soudamini Hegde, History Lecturer, Girls Independent Pre-University College, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Aug. 30 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Ph.D awardee

M.S. Thejaswini has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru for her thesis titled 'Brain to System: Analysis of EEG Signals for Emotion Recognition' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Newspaper distributors play key role in circulation and popularity of newspapers: Seer

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji lighting the lamp to inaugurate the World Newspaper Distributors Day celebration and 5th State-level convention of Karnataka Rajya Patrika Vitarakara Okkuta at KSOU Convocation Hall here yesterday, as other guests look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (BLU&DM)- "Though electronic media has vastly expanded its network, most of the people feel satisfied only if they read newspapers daily as they believe that published news are real factual news. As such, newspaper distributors play a key role in delivering newspapers daily to readers on time," said Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

He was speaking after inaugurating World Newspaper Distributors Day celebration and 5th State-level newspaper distributors convention organised by the Karnataka Rajya Patrika Vitarakara Okkuta, in association with Patrika Vitarakara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha, Mysuru, at 'Tataiahnavara Vedike' in KSOU Convocation Hall in Muktagangothri campus along Hunsur Road here yesterday.

Pointing out that the media is the Fourth Pillar of Democracy, Deshikendra Swamiji said the print media reports about the goings on and happenings around the world.

"The purpose of newspapers would not be met if they remain in the printing press. It is here that newspaper distributors play a vital role in delivering newspapers to the doorsteps of readers every day, with dedication and purpose. They do their job with conviction, braving the rains, the sun and the vagaries of weather. There are many readers even in this era of visual media and digital world, who feel disturbed if they do not get their daily newspaper on time," he said.

Noting that newspaper distributors in America deliver newspapers only outside houses, the Seer said that, in our country, the newspapers are delivered with honour at our doorsteps, which explains the dedication of newspaper distributors, who are doing a service of their own to the society. Welcoming the formation of Newspaper Distributors Association, he said it is satisfactory to note that the Government is now responding to the problems of newspaper distributors.

"The late former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is a shining example of how a newspaper distributor can become the first citizen of the country. K.V. Prabhakar, who was a newspaper distributor in his early days, is now the Chief Minister's media advisor," he pointed out.

Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur, in his address, said that newspaper distributors are now getting insurance cover because of the persistent efforts of the Newspaper Distributors Association.

Karnataka Rajya Patrika Vitarakara Okkuta President K. Shambhulinga said that newspaper distributors have done an excellent job by risking their lives during COVID pandemic. The State Government should create a welfare fund and also open membership for newspaper distributors in Karnataka Media Academy, he urged.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar, in his address, said that he too began his career as a newspaper distributor and hence he will attend all events of the Okkuta.

Stating that newspaper distribution is indeed an honourable job providing service to the society, he likened the newspaper distributors to the nervous system of a newspaper. Just as they are the backbone of newspapers, the distributors are also partners in the nation's economic growth, he added.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak, senior journalists N. Naganna, Amshi Prasannakumar and M.R. Sathyanarayana too spoke.

Six senior readers including Krishnappa, Guruswamy, Prabhakar and Kalihundi Shivakumar and former MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar *(Star of Mysore* Chief Reporter) were felicitated on the occasion.

Also, tributes were paid to newspaper distributors who passed away recently including Paper Subbanna. Tributes were also offered to *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy.

Prior to the start of the event, the Convention Chairman (Sammelana Adhyaksha) M.N. Nagaraj was brought in a procession in a chariot from Kuvempu Statue in Manasagangothri campus to the venue.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Patrika Vitarakara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha Mysuru District President J.S. Homadev, former MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Circulation Manager T.S. Gopinath, Sarvajananga Hitarakshana Vedike's Venugopal, MDJA General Secretary Dharmapura Narayan, State Committee member B. Raghavendra, M. Subramanya, Sridhar and others were present.

Hundreds of newspaper distributors took part in the event.

BVB students excel in Kannada debate

Mysuru, Aug. 29 - A District-level Kannada Debate contest for high school students on the topic 'The role of cities is bigger than that of villages in India's development' organised by Dinesh Coaching Centre was held at Ideal Jawa Rotary Hall on JLB Road here recently.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Prakash Prabhu, Senior Urology Consultant at Kamakshi Hospital.

Students from more than 25 schools took part in the debate and each debater was given a score.

Nadashri R. Bhat of B.M. Shri Vidyavardhaka School bagged the first prize while T.S. Vibha of Vijaya Vittala got the second prize and S.S. Deekshitha of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) school secured the third prize.

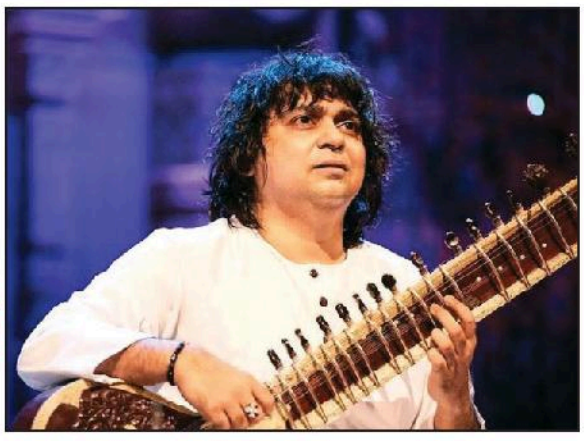
D.C. Gowri of SVEI school and K.P. Sushanth Raj of DMS (Demonstration Multi-Purpose School) received consolation prize.

BVB School bagged the Overall Prize (Rolling Shield) as their students S.S. Deekshitha and S. Gowrishree collectively secured the highest score when compared to the collective score of other schools.

Dinesh Coaching Centre Head N.V. Dinesh, Sowmya Dinesh, Prashanthraj, debate contest judges H. Sathyaprasad, Naveen, Hemalatha and others were present.

The first prize carried a cash reward of Rs. 5,000, second prize - Rs. 4,000, third prize - Rs. 3,000 and consolation prize Rs.1,000 each.

Dasara cultural events to feature artistes from diverse backgrounds



Hariharan, Niladri Kumar, Thaikkudam Bridge Band to add glitter

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (GA&VNS)- Music lovers will have a feast of cultural diversity during this year's Dasara Cultural Festival to be organised in front of Mysore Palace as artistes of national and international fame will be performing during the 11-day event.

The inauguration of Dasara atop Chamundi Hill on Sept. 22 morning sets the tone for the commencement of other Dasara activities in the city. The same evening, at 6 pm, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate Dasara cultural programmes in front of Mysore Palace and will present 'Rajya Sangeeta Vidwan' award for which the artiste is yet to be selected. Following this, renowned singer Hariharan will present vocal concert on the inaugural day.

This year, Dasara Cultural Sub-Committee will be organising a variety of programmes such as Karnatak and Hindustani vocal concerts, folk, bharatanatyam, sitar concert at 10 different venues including Mysore Palace, Jaganmohan Palace, Town Hall, Veene Sheshanna Bhavan, Dufferin Clock Tower, in front of Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud among others.

Mysore Manjunath

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Dr. Mohsin Khan

Sunitha

Ananya Bhat

Abhishek Raghuram

'Chilkunda Sisters' Indu Nagaraj and Lakshmi Nagaraj

The concerts at Mysore Palace will feature famous Kerala Band 'Thaikkudam Bridge,' well known Sitar artistes Niladri Kumar and Dr. Mohsin Khan, Karnatak vocalist Abhishek Raghuram and violinist Mysore M. Manjunath, Ananya Bhat of *Mahadeva Mahadeva* fame, Vijay Prakash, concert by 'Chilkunda Sisters' Indu Nagaraj-Lakshmi Nagaraj and Telugu playback singer Sunitha. Dance Guru Sridhar Jain of *Apthamithra*-fame and his troupe will also perform *Shiva Thandava* on one of the days.

The district administration had invited application from artistes and has received 1,317 applications. This year, the authorities will provide opportunity to about 500 troupes and 10,000 artistes to perform this year.

Opportunities to local artistes

This year, the District Administration will be providing opportunities to local artistes to perform during Dasara festival. Out of the total events, about 60 percent has been reserved for State-level artistes (local artistes), 20 percent to National-level artistes and 20 percent to International-level artistes. Emphasis will also be given to specially-abled artistes, women artistes and artistes from all communities and all forms.

– Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture

Srirangapatna Dasara from Sept. 25

To host a slew of cultural and traditional programmes

Mandya, Aug. 29 (TRR) - Mandya District and Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy has said that Srirangapatna Dasara will be held for four days from Sept. 25 to 28 this year.

"This year's Dasara should be organised in a different way to attract more people and a decision about the selection of a dignitary to inaugurate Srirangapatna Dasara will be taken soon," he added.

The District Minister was speaking while chairing a preliminary meeting held to discuss the preparations for Srirangapatna Dasara at Cauvery auditorium, Mandya Zilla Panchayat (ZP) yesterday.

"The grand procession of Srirangapatna Dasara will be inaugurated at 3 pm on Sept. 25 from Bannimantap and will culminate at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. Local artistes will be given preference in all programmes including stage programmes. Programmes related to Dasara must be planned in such a way that it should be unique and should comprise diverse cultural and traditional programme. It should be reminiscent of Srirangapatna's history and identity," Cheluvarayaswamy said at the meeting and concluded that all programmes must be organised systematically without giving any room for complaints.

Srirangapatna MLA A.B. Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda said that a cattle expo be organised and traditional contests like milking and others also be accommodated in Dasara events.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Kumara, who also spoke at the meeting said several sub-committees have been formed and officials have been designated to the sub-committees. "Priority will be given to food stalls with diverse food items of several districts. Yoga Dasara competitions will also be a prominent event this year and students of schools and colleges will be encouraged to participate in these competitions," the DC added.

Srirangapatna Town Municipal Council (TMC) President M.V. Prakash, ZP CEO K.R. Nandini, Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional DC B.C. Shivanandaswamy, Pandavapura Sub-Divisional Officer Srinivas and other officials were present.

Dharmasthala row

BJP, JD(S) plan separate rallies

Bengaluru, Aug. 29 (KMS&BS)- BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) parties have organised separate rallies under the banner 'Satya Yatre,' demanding to hand over the probe into the charges made against Dharmasthala, to either Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or National Investigation Agency (NIA). While the BJP will take out the rally on Sept. 1, JD (S) will hold the rally on Aug. 31.

Addressing media persons, JD(S) State Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy said that national and international-level outfits are indulging in spreading canards against Dharmasthala. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) cannot bring such outfits to book. Hence, the probe be handed over to CBI or NIA, he demanded.

MLAs, former MLAs and workers irrespective of party and those having divine feelings towards Dharmasthala, will participate in the rally. The rally will be flagged off from Bengaluru and party workers from across the State will join at Hassan. From Netravathi bathing point to Dharmasthala, the party workers will take out a padayatra, added Nikhil.

Meanwhile, the BJP will be holding a massive 'Dharmasabha' (Hindu religious congregation) at Dharmasthala on Sept. 1, in which thousands of people from Mysuru will also take part and express support to Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. Veerendra Heggade, said City BJP President L. Nagendra while addressing a press meet in Mysuru yesterday.

Sena Pade stages demo

opposing selection of Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Dasara

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (BS & DM)- Joining the growing chorus against selection of International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq for Dasara inauguration, the Karnataka Sena Pade staged a protest in front of the Old Deputy Commissioner's office here this morning, urging the Government to revoke the decision.

Addressing the protesters, the Sena Pade President Tejesh Lokesh Gowda maintained that the selection of Banu Mushtaq for Dasara inauguration this year was not at all correct. Saying that, Dasara is a Hindu religious celebration, no matter if others differ, he said that Dasara is a Nada Habba having centuries old tradition.

"Dasara is chiefly an obeisance to Goddess Chamundeshwari, underlining the deep devotion, *Samskara,* traditions and practices behind the celebration. As such, it is most regrettable that a person who does not have faith in Hindu religious practices has been selected for Dasara inauguration. Also, Banu Mushtaq had made some objectionable remarks on Goddess Bhuvaneshwari during the 2023 Kannada Sammelana. In this backdrop, Banu, who does not honour our culture and religious practices is not at all fit for Dasara inauguration," Tejesh Lokesh Gowda said.

A memorandum was submitted to the State Government through the Deputy Commissioner, in this regard.

Hindu Jagarana Vedike

Two days after Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Dasara Special Officer, had said that he has not received any formal complaint or memorandum from anyone opposing the selection of International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq for Dasara inauguration, the Mysuru District Unit of Hindu Jagarana Vedike submitted a memorandum to the DC this morning, urging to withdraw the selection of Banu Mushtaq.

In the memorandum, the vedike alleged that Banu had made narrow minded and insinuatory remarks in public against Kannada Goddess Bhuvaneshwari a couple of years ago. It also contended that in this backdrop, there is every chance that Banu may repeat such remarks during Dasara inauguration too, that would hurt the religious sentiments and deep devotion that crores of Hindus have towards Goddess Chamundeshwari. Hence, the State Government should reconsider its decision and withdraw the invitation extended to Banu Mushtaq for Dasara inauguration, the memorandum, signed by the Vedike office-bearers Rangaswamy and Anish said.

The Vedike also warned of launching a massive movement in the coming days if the Government does not withdraw the selection of Banu.

District Administration yet to finalise artistes & venue

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With almost every well-known artistes having performed at Yuva Dasara, the authorities are in search of the latest sensations in the world of music who could attract large crowds for the event. Majority of these artistes, who are in demand round the year, are booked on priority by various event managers and associations much in advance. However, with District Administration yet to finalise the list of artistes, the artistes to perform at this Yuva Dasara still remain a suspense.

Uttanahalli or Maharaja College Grounds?

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Mysuru SP N. Vishnuvardhana, who is also the Deputy Special Officer for Yuva Dasara Sub-Committee, said that the finalisation of venue will depend on the artistes performing in this year's Yuva Dasara.

"This year, if artistes, with capabilities similar to A.R. Rahman, Illayaraja and Shreya Ghosal, who attract a large audience like previous year are finalised, then Yuva Dasara will be held in the same venue as last year else it will be moved back to Maharaja College Grounds", he said.

'Chamundi Hill, Temple not a Hindu property'

BJP seeks DKS' apology

Those who have mocked Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, who is the State deity, have been invited to inaugurate Dasara: R. Ashoka

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (VNS)- The recent statement by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) stating that the Chamundeshwari Temple and Chamundi Hill is not a Hindu property has erupted a political storm with Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka demanding an apology from D.K. Shivakumar for hurting the religious sentiments of the Hindu community.

R. Ashoka

R. Ashoka accused the Congress State Government of appeasing minority community for political gains by deliberately hurting Hindu sentiments.

Addressing the media persons in Bengaluru yesterday, Ashoka questioned whether such statement implied the Chamundi Hill would be handed over to Waqf Board or a Church or Tomb would be constructed atop the hill.

He also expressed his disappointment over the selection of Banu Mushtaq for the inauguration of this year's Dasara. "Those who have mocked Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, who is the State deity, have been invited to inaugurate Dasara," he added.

Meanwhile, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra criticised DKS, stating that Deputy CM's statements was a grave insult to Hindu community. Demanding for an apology from Shivakumar, Vijayendra said Chamundi Hill was historically and spiritually a Hindu place.

He also criticised DKS' plan to erect a 115-foot statue of Jesus Christ near Ramanagar to please a particular community.

DC leads inspection team

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As per the draft itinerary issued by the President's Secretariat (Personal Cell), President Murmu will depart Palam Airport in New Delhi in Indian Air Force (IAF) flight on Sept. 1 at 12.25 pm and arrive at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli at 3.10 pm. She will be driving straight to participate in the diamond jubilee celebrations of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) at its Naimisham campus in Manasagangothri, scheduled at 4 pm.

The list of dignitaries who will be receiving the President at Mysore Airport, in keeping with the protocol, has also been prepared, along with minute details like who shall be flanking the President on the dais at AIISH, providing access-free approach to the VVIP to name a few among other arrangements underway.

Visit to Chamundi Hill

Sources said, the President will also be visiting Chamundeshwari temple at Chamundi Hill by road on Sept. 1 at 7.30 pm. In view of the VVIP visit, the entry of others to the temple is likely to be restricted from the same day afternoon. However, there will be no restrictions on vegetable market on M.G. Road, it is said.

Overnight stay

The President will be staying overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza on M.G. Road. The alternative arrangements are made at Government Guest House in Nazarbad, along with parking and security arrangements. The visitors at the Guest House will be screened at both the entry gates, till the departure of the President from the city.

Breakfast with Wadiyars

On Sept. 2 at 8.30 am, President's visit to Mysore Palace has been scheduled, where the she will have breakfast being hosted by Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar. The erstwhile royal family has prepared a list of VIPs, who shall be joining them for the breakfast, it is said. Following the breakfast, the President will be going through the annals of the Palace, which is a major tourist attraction.

DC Lakshmikanth Reddy, along with City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, and other officers concerned inspected the afore mentioned venues.

Rashtrapati Bhavan is learnt to have approved the programme list provided by the State Intelligence IGP, along with route and other arrangements made as per SOP.

Departure from city

The President will travel to Mysore Airport by road on Sept. 2 at 10 am, from where she is scheduled to leave for Chennai in IAF flight at 10.30 am.

Meanwhile, all medical, therapeutic and diagnostic services for public at AIISH will be suspended on Sept. 1.

Also, the Sound and Light Show at Mysore Palace has been cancelled on Sept. 1 (evening) and there will be no entry to visitors to the Palace on Sept. 2 till 11.30 am.

Dharmasthala 'Mass Burial' Case

Sujatha Bhat does U-turn before Special Investigation Team

Sujatha Bhat

Bengaluru, Aug. 29 (KMS& BS)- Sujatha Bhat, who had earlier complained about her daughter Ananya Bhat, going missing, amidst the raging controversy over series of unnatural deaths at Dharmasthala, has did a volte-face.

According to sources, Sujatha, who appeared before Special Investigation Team (SIT) for inquiry on Aug. 26 and 27, has reportedly told the investigators that she had cooked up a story about her missing daughter, which are all fictitious, saying that she is now aware of her fault and is ready to withdraw the complaint.

Sujatha Bhat, who had been earlier issuing varying statements before media persons, claiming that her daughter had died mysteriously and demanding a probe into the same, seemed to be restless, especially after being quizzed by SIT constantly. Citing her old age, she has expressed her inability to face probe, lagging behind in energy.

Sujatha had lodged a complaint at Dharmasthala Police Station on July 15, alleging that her daughter Ananya Bhat, a first year MBBS student, had visited Dharmasthala Manjunatha Swamy Temple in 2003, only to go missing. Acting on the orders of DG and IGP M.A. Saleem, Dharmasthala Police had handed over the case to SIT.

Amid probe, DIGP leaves for US

M.N. Anuchet

Bengaluru, Aug. 29 (Agencies)- DIGP (Recruitment) M.N. Anucheth, who was a member of SIT, that is probing into Dharmasthala 'mass burial' case, has gone on an official tour to the United States of America (USA).

Following the Government's permission, sanctioning paid leave from Aug. 19 to 31, Anucheth has flown to US to attend 'Intelligent Transportation Society (ITS) World Congress-2025'.

Anucheth had applied for leaves on July 16 with a request to grant paid leaves.

Following the directions of the Chief Secretary, the Additional Secretary of the Department of Personnel Administration and Reforms (DPAR) had granted permission for the US tour.

Anucheth, who left for US on Aug. 18 is expected to return on Sept. 3 or 4, said a source.

Two come under moving trains

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons were killed after coming under moving trains and the Railway Police have registered separate cases.

In the first case, an unidentified man, aged between 35 and 40 years was killed after he came under a moving train.

He is 5.7 ft. tall, medium built, wheatish complexioned, sports beard and moustache and was wearing a blue shirt with golden stripes, blue jerkin and blue pant.

In the second case, an elderly man aged between 70 and 75 years, who had come under a moving train, breathed his last while being shifted to a hospital in an ambulance.

The deceased is 5.6 ft. tall, medium built, wheatish complexioned, oval faced, sports beard and moustache and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt and brown coloured pant. The kith and kin of the two deceased persons, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

50 percent rebate on traffic fine

District Police collect Rs. 8.81 lakh in three days; 3,481 cases closed

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (BLU&KS)- With the State Government announcing a 50 percent rebate on e-challan traffic fines to help motorists clear their multiple pending violations dues, the District Police have collected a total of Rs. 8,81,750 as fine in three days (from Aug. 23 to 25) and 3,481 cases have been closed.

According to a press release from Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mallik, Rs. 2,23,000 fine was collected and 882 cases were closed on Aug. 23.

On Aug. 24, 1,229 cases were closed and Rs. 3,09,750 fine was collected and on Aug. 25, Rs. 3,49,000 fine was collected and 1,370 cases were disposed off.

The ASP has stated that information pertaining to the 50 percent rebate has been shared on various social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, websites and KSPS App among other social media platforms.

The 50 percent rebate has also been publicised at meetings and functions in villages and towns coming under various Police Station limits besides creating awareness on the rebate among the public through Beat Police personnel.

Fines can be paid by visiting the nearest Police Station in the District or can be paid online through KSPS website and mobile app. The last date for the 50 percent rebate is Sept. 12, according to the press release.

Obituary

B. Gurunath

Mysuru, Aug. 29- B. Gurunath (61), son of late Markandeya Rao Bagare and a resident of Vani Vilas Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Youth electrocuted

Gautham

Nanjangud, Aug. 29 (KS)- A 27-year-old youth was electrocuted at Bilugali village in the taluk recently.

The deceased youth is Gautham, General Secretary of Varuna Constituency Youth Congress unit and a resident of Bilugali village.

On the occasion of Gowri-Ganesha festival, special puja was organised at Sri Chowdeshwari Temple at the village. Decorative lights were being installed opposite to the temple for the occasion during which a metal pipe came in contact with the power line. Gautham who was leaning against the pole was instantly electrocuted and died on the spot.

Biligere Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case.

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1021 Ganeshas!

Brindavan Ganeshotsava-2025 hosts the festival on a bigger scale

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (MK&BS)- On account of Gowri-Ganesha festival, Brindavan Ganeshotsava-2025 has brought 1,021 idols of Lord Ganesha closer to devotees, engulfing the locality with festive fervour.

Brindavan Badavane Nagarika Hitarakshana Vedike, Mysuru, has for the first time consecrated a big number of Ganesha idols at the premises of Sri Mahaganapathi Temple, along with an array of cultural events from Aug. 27 to Sept. 3.

A mammoth platform has been erected for the most popular festival among the masses. From the installation of one-feet tall Ganesha idols to that of six to seven-feet tall, the event promises to be more attractive, with the installations depicting Devaloka, along with the idols of Lord Shiva, Parvathi and Subramanya.

The rituals prior to installation began with Prana Prathistapana Puja in the auspicious lagna between 11.48 am and 12.59 pm. On Aug. 31 morning, 101-litre ksheerabhisheka will be performed.

On Sept. 4 at 5 pm, Ganesha idols will be taken out in a procession for immersion. For details contact M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs on Mob: 98453-40195 or Praveen Shetty on 98455-41317.

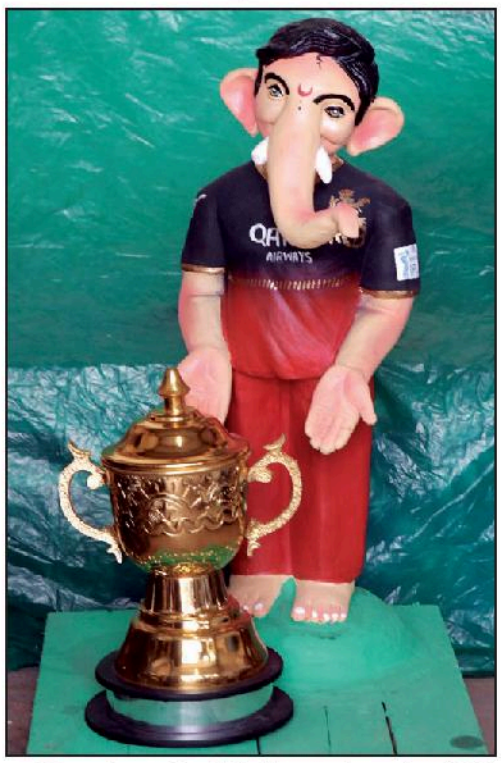
CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Brindavana Ranga Vedike was inaugurated on Wednesday (Aug. 27) evening and it was followed by a music concert by Veena Pani Music School team.

Natya Mayuri Bharatanatyam dance recital was performed by Jois Kala Prathistana Samskrithika Sangha last evening.

Aug. 29 (7.30 pm)	:	Bhava Taranga, Bhavageethe by singer A.D. Srinivasan & troupe.
Aug. 30 (6.30 pm)	:	Fancy Dress and Children's Dance.
Aug. 31 (morning)	:	Chinnara Mela and Tonga Ride.
Sept. 1 (7 pm)	:	Gichi Giligili Brindavana Hasya Durbar.
Sept. 2 (7 pm)	:	Gana Lahari.
Sept. 3 (7 pm)	:	Gana Vaibhava.

RCB champ Ganesha



Ganesha, as Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) IPL T20 cricket player, with a Winner's Trophy, has been deftly crafted by idol-maker M. Yashwanth.

"The cricket lovers had placed order to make Ganesha in the form of a RCB player. The idol was crafted without using any mould. Apart from the traditionally made Ganesha idols, the uniquely made idols are also consecrated during the festival. I believe, it was purely out of love for cricket that the order was placed for such a Ganesha idol," Yashwanth told *Star of Mysore*.

Mass immersion of idols on Aug. 31

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS)- The grand procession and mass immersion of Ganesha idols installed at various places across the city will be held under the banner of Mysuru Sarvajanika Ganesha Visarjana Samithi on Aug. 31.

The decorated vehicles carrying the idols will assemble at Veeraganapathi Temple in Veeranagere and the mammoth procession of the idols will begin at 1 pm. The procession will pass via Ashoka Road, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and D. Devaraj Urs Road to reach Srirangapatna, where the idols of Lord Ganesha will be immersed.

KSCA Maharaja Trophy-2025

Mangaluru Dragons Champions

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (VNS)- The fourth edition of KSCA Maharaja Trophy-2025, which commenced on Aug. 11 at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, concluded yesterday with Mangaluru Dragons defeating Hubli Tigers by 14 runs (VJD method) in the finals of this year's tournament.

Having won the toss and elected to bat first, Hubli Tigers scored 154/8 in 20 overs. K. Shrijith top scored with 52 runs while Mohd. Taha scored 27 runs. For Mangaluru Dragons, Sachin Shinde picked up 3 wickets, followed by Macneil Noronha and Shreevathsa Acharya who scalped two wickets each.

In reply, Mangaluru Dragons seemed to be in a hurry at the top of the order. Openers Lochan Gowda and B.R. Sharath were striking it well, and finding the gaps at will in the powerplay. Whilst Sharath was the more aggressive amongst the two, it was Lochan Gowda, who was the first to fall for 18 off 17 balls, cleaned up by Ritesh Bhatkal, as the powerplay ended at 55/1. Sharath at the other end though wasn't letting up, smashed a couple of sixes in the next over, and was racing on towards a fifty.

However, he fell just short, getting 49 from 35 balls, as he became Ritesh Bhatkal's second wicket in the 10th over. And mid-way through the chase, the Mangaluru Dragons were 81/2. A few deliveries later, rain made an appearance with the Mangaluru Dragons 85/2 in 10.4 overs.

The rain refused to relent, and eventually, the Mangaluru Dragons won by VJD method, as they were 15 runs ahead of the par score when rain stopped play.

B.R. Sharath of Mangaluru Dragons was declared Man of the Match. Hubli Tigers captain Devdutt Padikkal won the Man of the Tournament award.

Brief Scores: Hubli Tigers 154/8 in 20 overs (K.L. Shrijith 52, Mohd. Taha 27; Sachin Shinde 3/30) **lost to** Mangaluru Dragons 85/2 in 10.4 overs (B.R. Sharath 49; Ritesh Bhatkal 2/14) (VJD method)

VJD Method: The V. Jayadevan system, also known as VJD method, is a method for calculating target scores in interrupted One-Day and Twenty20 cricket matches. The method was devised by V. Jayadevan, an Indian engineer. It can be used instead of DLS method.

64th Heritage Music Festival begins

People irrespective of community should be involved in the field of music; Captain G.R. Gopinath endorses the opinion of Vocalist T.M. Krishna

Captain G.R. Gopinath** (3rd from left), **who inaugurated the 64th Heritage Music Festival at 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal in V.V. Mohalla, here yesterday, seen with** (from left) **Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi, Vocalist T.M. Krishna and SPVGMC Trust President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy.** Pic. right: **T.M. Krishna presenting a concert.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (PM&BS)- Entrepreneur Captain G.R. Gopinath said that the 64th Heritage Music Festival, organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, Mysuru, in association with Kannada and Culture Department, at 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal in V.V. Mohalla here, for the past 63 years, assumes significance for serving the society in a profound way.

Capt. Gopinath, after formally inaugurating the Music Festival yesterday evening, quoted a German philosopher, who had opined that 'Without music, it is like losing something in life.' This aptly conveys a message on the importance of art in life.

"Music has its own significance which touches the heart and soul. Vocalist T.M. Krishna, who is presenting the concert, is a reputed Vidwan, who shows temerity in protesting the anomalies in the field of music. He is of the opinion that music should be embraced by all irrespective of community, which is correct," said Capt. Gopinath.

The ongoing music festival has provided a platform for music connoisseurs irrespective of community to openly savour the essence of music, he added.

Vidwan T.M. Krishna said, "I have been performing at this music festival for the past 30 years. Unlike other places, the joy and experience derived here has been immense, given the feeling of oneness felt in the environs. Music concerts should be organised in the streets, which is only when it can involve all."

SPVGMC Trust President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy said, the music festival this year is a 13-day event against 11-day event in the previous years. Youths should come in large numbers. With the festival organised on the street, uncertainty prevails in organising the same, but is being organised for the past 63 years. The co-operation of everyone counts in organising such programmes, through which the art of music should prosper, he noted.

Trust Secretary C.R. Himamshu and other dignitaries were present. The inauguration was followed by a vocal concert by T.M. Krishna accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Chandrashekar Sharma on ghata.

This Evening's Programme

Theatre songs by Chandrashekar Achar at 5.30 pm; Nadaswara-Violin Jugalbandi by Nemmara Brothers (Vid. Nemmara Kannan & Vid. Nemmara Anand Brahma) and Akkarai Sisters (Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Akkarai Sornalatha), accompanied by Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Chandrashekar Sharma on ghata at 6.45 pm.

WORD OF THE DAY

Meander

Pronunciation: mee-AN-der (verb).
Meaning: To meander is to follow a winding or intricate course—that is, one with a lot of turns and curves—or to walk slowly without a specific goal, purpose, or direction.
Origin: Meander first meandered into the language in the late 16th century not as verb but as a noun referring to a turn or winding of a stream. The word came to English, by way of Latin, ultimately from Maiandros, the Greek name for a river known today as the Menderes River in what is now southwestern Turkey. The more popular verb use dates to the early 17th century and means both "to follow a winding or intricate course" and "to ramble." Despite its fluvial origins, these days meander is more commonly used to refer to a person's wandering course than a river's.
Example: "Hands down, my favourite hike has been the Seven Bridges Walk in downtown San Diego that starts at world-famous San Diego Zoo and meanders about 4.5 miles through surrounding neighbourhoods, downtown area and then back to Balboa Park."—Scott Kramer, Forbes, 17 June 2025

THE ODD WORD

Macropterous

Having large wings or fins.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As mad as a March hare

Meaning: To be 'As mad as a March hare' is to be completely mad.
Origin: Hares have long been seen to behave excitedly in March, which is their mating season. Lewis Carroll is among many who have alluded to this behaviour in stories – *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland:* "The March Hare ... as this is May, it won't be raving mad – at least not so mad as it was in March." More recently this behaviour has been questioned and it is now thought that hares behave oddly – boxing, jumping etc. – throughout their breeding season, which extends over several months. Be that as it may, March hares have that 'mad' reputation, which will surely stay with them. Carroll didn't originate the expression 'As mad as a march hare'. He needed some mad characters for his story and he used one which had for centuries been referred to as mad – the March hare.
The first record of the belief in hares' madness, or in this case their brainlessness, was circa 1500, in Blowbol's Test reprinted by W. C. Hazlitt in Remains Early Popular Poetry of England, 1864:... "Thanne [th]ey begyn to swere and to stare, And be as braynles as a Marshe hare."

QUOTE BOX

There is no better place to heal a broken heart than on the back of a horse. **— Missy Lyons**

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Solve the rebus:

Answer: Well turned out.

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		2			5			
			1			2		
6	9			3				4
		3	9					5

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	2	7	8	5	6	9	4
6	9	4	2	1	3	7	8	5
5	7	8	9	4	6	3	2	1
7	1	3	8	2	9	5	4	6
8	2	5	3	6	4	9	1	7
9	4	6	1	5	7	8	3	2
2	5	1	6	3	8	4	7	9
3	6	9	4	7	2	1	5	8
4	8	7	5	9	1	2	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

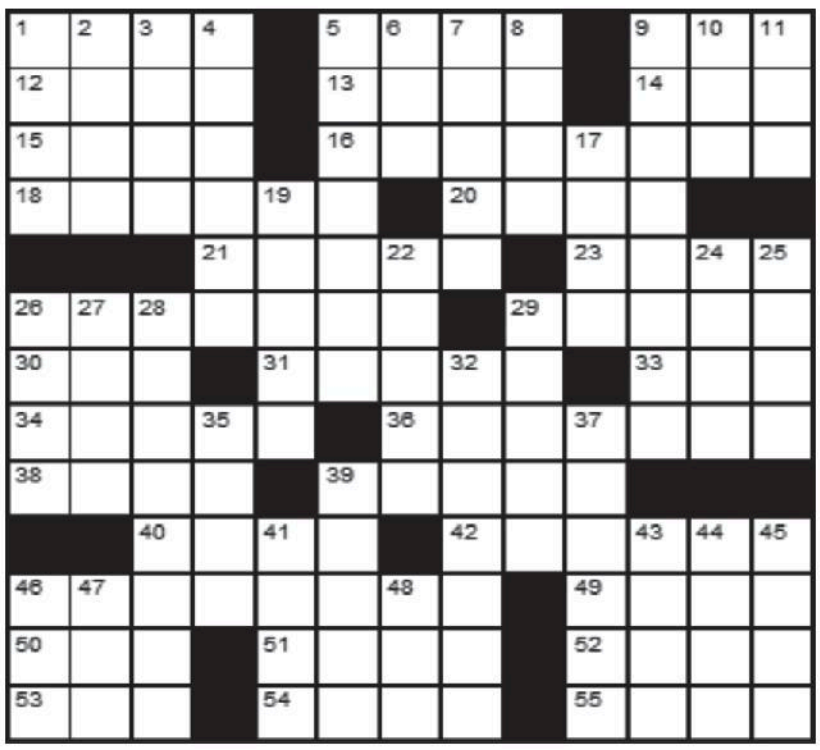
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Defeat
5 Given information
9 Prohibit
12 A plant with bitter juice which is used as a purgative
13 Apple's music player
14 Ambulance person: abbr.
15 ____ and void?
16 Potency
18 Cumuls, cirrus, etc
20 He used to be emperor of Russia
21 They don't all lay golden eggs!
23 Decoy, enticement or ploy
26 Steadfast
29 Assisted
30 Sphere for a sovereign?
31 Binding
33 Grad. Rec. Exam.
34 Scandinavian?
36 An indefinitely large number
38 Knock senseless
39 Old Greek coins
40 Feline sound
42 Mythological semi-divine maidens of sea, woods, etc.
46 Begin a journey (3,5)
49 Common metal
50 Be unwell
51 Extras at cricket
52 Neither a borrower ___ lender be (3,1)
53 Salary
54 Direction of the rising sun
55 Working-party

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	A	T	H		M	E	G	A		D	U	D
O	L	E	O		U	L	N	A		E	R	E
E	A	R	L		D	I	A	L	O	G	U	E
D	E	N	I	M			T	I	E	R		
			D	E	B	T		I	M	A	M	S
I	N	C	A	M	E	R	A			D	I	N
R	E	L	Y		A	A	L		S	E	R	A
A	R	A			U	N	D	E	R	D	O	G
N	O	S	E	Y		S	A	R	I			
		S	O	O	N			A	D	U	L	T
T	H	I	N	K	I	N	G		E	P	E	E
D	E	F		E	N	Y	A		V	I	E	D
S	T	Y		L	E	E	R		I	N	K	S

DOWN
1 French bench
2 12th month of the Jewish calendar
3 On your own
4 Andhra lingo
5 Analyse; examine
6 Fitting
7 Rich cake
8 Synthetic fruit drinks
9 Be jealous
10 Invoice fig.
11 Degree of sorts
17 Ex-India cricket captain Contractor
19 Thick
22 Bush
24 Dry and withered
25 The Biblical Garden
26 Male children
27 Gait for a horse
28 Suddenly
29 Make a request
32 In the company of; along with
35 Cosy and warm
37 Clocking
39 Odisha's language
41 Kind of garment
43 South Pacific boat
44 Brass instrument
45 Obstacle; drawback
46 Empty space
47 Electronic Industries Assoc.
48 Video game mfr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BAAE OTJJUIX: YWU JACXU DAQ EAJ'Y

OTMU HWUJ DAQ'IU UTYCJB XAQV.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Whether they give or refuse, it delights women just the same to have been asked.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Su From So (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Usiru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Usiru (2025) (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Coolie (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Andondittu Kaala (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Rippan Swamy (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Coolie (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Coolie (H) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Vishnuvardhana (K) - 2 Shows; *Simharoopini (K)* - 2 Shows

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Mahavata Narsimha (K-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.15 pm
Coolie (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	(S-1)	7.20 pm, 10.25 pm
Gandhi Mattu Notu (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Gowrishankara (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Rippan Swamy (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Odum Kuthira Chaadum Kuthira (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm
Lokah - Chapter 1 Chandra (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Param Sundari (H)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Andondittu Kaala (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Vishnuvardhana (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Su From So (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm

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Su From So (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Andondittu Kaala (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Odum Kuthira Chhadum Kuthira (Ma)	(S-1)	3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Lokah : Chapter 1 – Chandra (Ma)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Param Sundari (H)	(S-2)	10.35 am
	(S-3)	4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Rippan Swamy (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Coolie (K)	(S-3)	12.55 pm; (S-4) 6.20 pm
Mahavatar Narasimha (K-3D)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 12.50 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	(S-4)	3.25 pm, 9.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Param Sundari (H)	:	8.35 am, 11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Coolie (K)	:	9.25 am, 6.50 pm
Coolie (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
Su From So (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.40 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	:	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 4 pm, 10.10 pm
Bring Her Back (E)	:	11.15 am
Andondittu Kaala (K)	:	12.40 pm
Odum Kuthira Chaadum Kuthira (Ma)	:	12.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Simharoopini (K)	:	1.15 pm
War 2 (H)	:	3.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Arjun Chakravarthy (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H-3D)	:	4.30 pm
Sundarakanda (Te)	:	7.05 pm
Rippan Swamy (K)	:	7.15 pm
Parineeta (H)	:	10 pm

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Param Sundari (H)	:	8.50 am, 11.25 am, 2 pm, 7.40 pm 10.30 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.30 pm
Coolie (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.05 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	:	1 pm, 10 pm
Rippan Swamy (K)	:	1.55 pm
Gowrishankara (K)	:	5 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-2D)	:	7.10 pm
Andondittu Kaala (K)	:	7.20 pm
War 2 (H)	:	9.50 pm, 10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 29)

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji's 110th Jayanti celebrations, staging of play 'Prabhulingaleele' by Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Kalabalaga, Mysuru, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **9 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, Mysuru and Kannada and Culture Department:** 64th Heritage Music Festival, Theatre Songs by Chandrashekar Achar, **5.30 pm;** Nadaswara-Violin Jugalbandi by Nemmara Brothers (Vid. Nemmara Kannan & Vid. Nemmara Anand Brahma) and Akkarai Sisters (Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Akkarai Sornalatha), accompanied by Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Chandrashekar Sharma on ghata, 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal, V.V. Mohalla, **6.45 pm.**
- **Champaka Academy, Mysuru:** Sri Ganesha Utsava, Bharatanatyam Performances by Champaka Academy Founder Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and disciples, Shri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple, Srinagara, Mysuru, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 30)

- **Vayah Vikas:** 'Stroll-A-Thon,' a walk for senior citizens, Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar flags off the event, Vayah Vikas Chief Operating Officer (COO) Pavithra Reddy, Chairman Kris Gopalakrishnan, Founder-Members Dr. Deviprasad Shetty, Alexander Thomas, Gowri Kumar, Dr. Srinath Reddy, Dr. Girdhar J. Gyani and Prof. O.V. Nandimath will be present, Oval Grounds, opposite Crawford Hall, **6.30 am to 10 am.**
- **Placement Cell, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and District Employment Exchange:** Mega Job Fair, KSOU campus, **9.30 am to 4.30 pm.**
- **The Indian Knowledge Systems Club, GSSSIETW:** Talk on 'Indian Traditional Environmentalism,' Sri Velukkudi Ranganathan, a scholar of traditional Indian Knowledge Systems from Chennai, guest speaker, M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall (Auditorium), GSSSIETW premises, KRS Road, **11 am.** [Mob: 96322-28626]
- **TiE Mysuru:** Masterclass 'Never Too Small to Brand' by Laeeq Ali, Co-Founder & Director of Bloombox Brand Engineers, Origami Creative, and Cultinno, Godavari Hall, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, **4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94481-54063]
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Bannl-895, story-telling by Soudamini Hegde, History Lecturer, Girls Independent Pre-University College, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Nruthyathi Kalaashaale:** Samaagama 2025, Annual Bharatanatyam Festival commemorating 6th anniversary of Nruthyathi Kalaashaale, Bharatanatyam performance by disciples and grand disciples of Anusha Varun (Founder of Nruthyathi Kalaashaale), with live orchestra featuring Anusha Varun (natuvanga), Vid. Shylaja Praveen (vocal), Vid. G.T. Swamy (mridanga), Vid. Samruddh (flute) and Vid. Vinay Kumar Rangadhol (rhythm pad); Guru Sandesh Bhargav, Bharatanatyam exponent and Vice-President of Kaynes Technology, Mysuru, inaugurates, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, Mysuru and Kannada and Culture Department:** 64th Heritage Music Festival, Theatre Songs by Chandrashekar Achar, **5.30 pm;** Vocal duet by Akkarai Sisters (Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Akkarai Sornalatha), accompanied by Vid. G.S. Gokul on violin, Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Vid. Guruprasanna on khanjira and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal, V.V. Mohalla, **6.45 pm.**
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- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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Rippan Swamy (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	10.50 am, 4.25 pm
War 2 (H)	:	12.40 pm
Odum Kuthira Chaadum Kuthira (Ma)	:	4.05 pm
Andondittu Kaala (K)	:	4.25 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	:	10 pm
Coolie (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Param Sundari (H)	:	9.40 am, 10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm 7.10 pm, 9.05 pm, 10 pm
Hridayapoorvam (Ma)	:	10.20 am, 3.15 pm
Gowrishankara (K)	:	11.30 am
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	12.30 pm, 6.20 pm
Vishnuvardhana (K)	:	1.25 pm
Usiru (K)	:	2 pm
Su From So (K)	:	4.35 pm
Balya (K)	:	4.50 pm
Gandi Mattu Notu (K)	:	7.20 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Muruga S/O Kaanunu (K)	:	10 pm
Odum Kuthira Chaadum Kuthira (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Lecture series at Andal Mandiram

Velukkudi U.V. Ranganathan Swamy

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Velukkudi Sri U.V. Ranganathan Swamy will be delivering a lecture series on Prativadi Bhayankarm Anna Swamy's Sri Venkatesha Stotram at Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, from Aug. 29 to 31 between 6 pm and 8 pm.

Velukkudi Sri U.V. Ranganathan Swamy is a scholar of Traditional Indian Knowledge systems, including Nyaya Purva Mimamsa and Vishishtadvaita Vedantha. He is also a Computer Science Engineer from National Institute of Technology, Trichy.

Having given up his Software Engineer career from Microsoft Corporation in order to uphold Hinduism and its rich philosophy, he has been rendering his services as Upanyasaka delivering discourses in Tamil, English and Sanskrit on a variety of topics under the ambit of *Sanatana Dharma* including Itihasas, Puranas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Divyaprabandhams and Stotrams.

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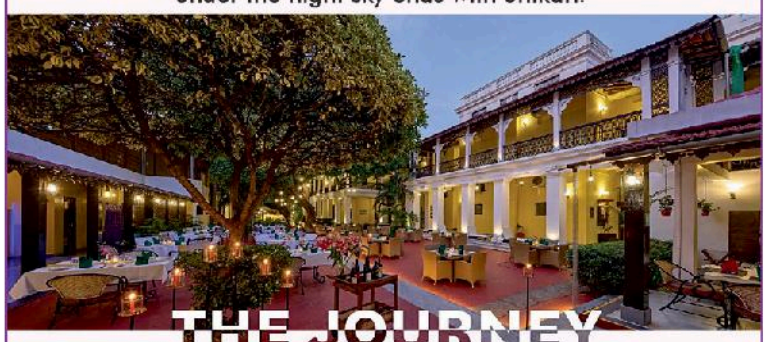

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